Canal Long Projected

The project for the construction of a canal across the isthmus of Panama is practically 400 years old. Balboa and other Spanish explorers broached the subject to the emperor of Spain in the early years of the Sixteenth century, and surveys were made between 1515 and 1525. The demand for a canal, however, did not become insistent until the beginning of the Nineteenth century, with the introduction of steam navigation.

Continental English

A traveler on the Continent sent two amusing examples of English which are displayed in his hotel. The first is a notice: "Misters and venerable voyagers are advertised that when the sun him rise a horn will be blowed." The socond, presumably by the same author, appears in the wine list and states, "In this hotel the wine leaves the traveler nothing to hope for."

Hogs and Poison

Hogs are not immune to poison. Their comparative immunity lies in the fact that they have very thick skins underlain by a thick layer of fat. For this reason poison often fails to penetrate to the blood stream of a hog attacked by a poisonous snake or in some other way subjected to poison.

Thoughts

Let a man profess what he will, if his thoughts are generally conversant about worldly things, he has an earthly and worldly mind; and if his thoughts are conversant about sensual things, he has a sensual and carnal mind; for, whatever he may outwardly say, as he thinks, so is he. —Owen.

Anniversary Coins

Fifty-cent coins, with a miner and gold pan on one side and a bear on the other, minted in 1925 during California's diamond jubilee were of silver, and were issued in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of California's admission to the Union. One hundred and fifty thousand of the coins were issued.

Divorce Made Easy

Divorce is now very easy in China; a married couple simply write down a declaration of their desire to separate and sign it before two witnesses who also sign. Then they are divorced. If, however, either party objects, a court action is necessary.

Elements in the Sun

By comparing the solar spectrum with the spectra of terrestrial elements astronomers have obtained some knowledge of the elements which compose the sun, but so far no experiments have been made to show just in what proportions these elements are found.

Fever's Many Names

Relapsing fever is the name given to a specific infectious disease occasionally appearing as an epidemic in communities suffering from scarcity or famine. It is also known as famine fever, seven-day bilious relapsing fever and spirillum fever.

Mount Vernon's Entrances

The long veranda at Mount Vernon faces east. Like many Colonial mansions, Mount Vernon has two entrances of almost equal importance. The east entrance overlooks the Potomac river and the west entrance overlooks the lawn and garden.

First Wireless Valve Was Edison Discovery

Many years ago Edison was experimenting with electric lamps, trying to discover how the blackening of the inside of the bulbs came about in those of the old carbon type. He found that if a plate of metal was sealed into the bulb and electrified positively, a current passed through the vacuum from the filament to this plate. He noticed that the current always traveled from the filament to the plate; nothing could make a current pass in the opposite direction.

He thought nothing of the discovery, and no use could be found for it, for it was many years before wireless was to be heard of.

Before we can hear anything of wireless signals the waves must be rectified. Each wave consists of a push of current in one direction followed by a pull in the other. Rectification means straining out the pulls and leaving only the pushes. All early methods of doing this were complicated and unsatisfactory.

Then Prof. J. A. Fleming had an inspiration. He made the first wireless valve in which a filament and a plate were placed in a vacuum inside a glass bulb.

The Edison effect was harnessed, for the valve would respond only to the pushes and automatically eliminated the pulls. But for the invention of the valve there would have been no broadcasting today.—London Tit-Bits.

Edison Dragged From Workshop to Wedding

Thomas A. Edison was so preoccupied with his laboratory work that he nearly missed his second wedding. This was recalled by Mrs. Franklin Ives, whose father, the late Benjamin Franklin Card, was associated with the great inventor for more than 30 years, says an article in the Brooklyn Eagle.

"The story of Edison's second wedding was one of my father's favorite recollections of him," Mrs. Ives said. "Edison was hard at work on a problem in his laboratory just before the wedding. He had become so preoccupied that he had quite forgotten time.

"Fifteen minutes before the appointed hour his 'best man' found him there utterly absorbed. He begged the inventor to dress and hurry to the wedding. Edison protested that he was on the verge of a great discovery and couldn't possibly leave. Finally, almost by main force, his 'best man' succeeded in dressing him and getting him to the church—a little late and still preoccupied, but at least acquiescent."

Cause and Cure

We read that chemicals may be used to check insanity. Well, some synthetic chemical compounds have no doubt served it to give it a start.—Florence (Ala.) Herald.

Honey Bee's Habitat

The honey bee originally was a native of southern Asia, probably including the eastern shores of the Mediterranean sea.

That Which Pleases

Let that please man which has pleased God.—Seneca.

MODERN

"Are you wearing spectacles, old man?"

"Yes. Through cross-word puzzles I've contracted an optical defect. One eye travels vertically and the other horizontially!"

Foreign Service

The United States foreign service divides its activities roughly into three main categories—protective, advisory and administrative. The protective function safeguards citizens and their legitimate interests in all privileges and rights provided by treaty or conceded by usage. The advisory functions of the foreign service are designed primarily for the benefit of the government of the United States, which constantly requires information from all parts of the world for its guidance in the conduct of its foreign relations. The third main division of the duties laid upon the foreign service is the administration abroad of American laws.

Ornithologist Honored

The Audubon society was named for John James Audubon, a famous American ornithologist and painter of bird pictures. He was born on the island of Santo Domingo, in the part now known as Haiti, on April 26, 1785. He was taken to France to be educated and emigrated to America when he was eighteen years of age. Nearly his whole life was passed in the United States. He lived in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana and New York. He died on January 27, 1851, in New York city.

Dinosaurs as Flower Pests

We have it on the word of a Yale professor that flowers bloomed 800,000,000 years ago, but we'll bet he can't tell us what spraying solution was used to keep dinosaurs off rose bushes.—Hamilton (Ontario) Spectator.

Named for Configuration

The name of the ancient Greek city Sparta is derive from a Greek verb meaning "to scatter," connected with English "sparse" and "disperse." The name was given because of the scattered, irregular form of the old city of Sparta.

Bear Cub in Infancy

At birth a bear cub weighs from nine to twelve ounces, which is about 1-200th to 1-250th of its mother's weight. It is about eight inches long, blind, and covered with a dark hair so thin that it is practically naked.

Balance His Diet

One of the fundamental rules of cooking for children is to vary their dietary in such a way that a balanced diet is maintained. Many adult ills may be traced to a lack of well-chosen foods during childhood.

Proteid Lost in Boiling

When peeled potatoes are placed at once in boiling water 8 per cent of the proteid matter and 19 per cent of the mineral matter present are extracted by the water.

Famous Diamond

The Hope diamond is a beautiful blue brilliant of 44¼ carats, and is probably a portion of a large jewel stolen from the French crown jewels. It is called "the Hope diamond" because it formed a part of the collection of H. T. Hope.

Evolution Theory

People who believe in evolution do not contend that man is descended from the monkey. The modern theory of evolution states that man and the anthropoid ape are derived from a common ancestor.

Changed in Meaning

The word risque is the past participle of the French verb risquer. Its original meaning was hazardous or risky. Its figurative meaning is "verging upon impropriety or indecency," and it is in this sense that the word is now employed.

The County Commissioners, of Talbot county are preparing to fight the suit in the May term of Court brought by the Mayor and Council of Easton for money due the Sheriff for board and care of prisioners arrested by town officers and for violation of town ordinances. This matter has been unsettled for some time and the Mayor and Council have brought a friendly suit to determine it. The Board had a conference Tuesday with its attorney, John C. North and the matter discussed from every angle. Sheriff's records for the past twenty years will be inspected and other data secured in which th County hopes to show that the town is responsible for the amounts due.

Protesting against the handicap in transportation facilities, due to the discontinuance of the steamer service furnished in the past by the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, Crisfield is up in arms" and demanding of the Pennsylvania Railroad that something be done about it.

The Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway, has been placed in the hands of Receivers, and this body has decided that discontinuance of steamer service to Crisfield is all left to be done.

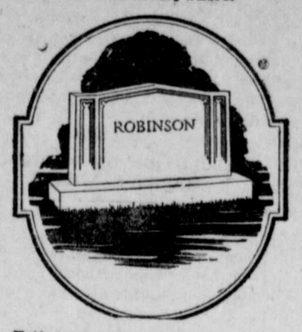
Construction of another link of the coastal highway on the proposed Rehoboth Beach-Ocean City route will soon begin.

The new highway will be the paving of Philadelphia Avenue through the heart of Ocean City extending northward to connect with the three-mile boulevard which the Maryland State Roads Commission will undertake this Spring.

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Miss Esther Clayville is the guest of Miss Weston Hawley, of Rising Sun.

Mrs. Julian Crew and little son, Julian Lee, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dodson, Jr., entertained at a turkey dinner Sunday, those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dodson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. D. Hopper Smith and children, Lester, Howard, and Robert and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Crowding and children, Gladys and Robert, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Crowding.

Mr. Ford Mathews, of Washington, D. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Joiner entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, of Chestertown, Mrs. William Pennington, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. H. Cornelius at dinner Monday.

Miss Maude Morris, of Denton is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ivens.

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